

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2004 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 274 fires reported. Three large fires were contained, one each in Eastern Great Basin, Southern California and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Utah.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stegmier) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) has been ordered. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in alpine tundra and black spruce. A north-northeast wind of 10 to 20 mph increased fire behavior. The Steese Highway is closed until further notice. Evacuations have occurred in all developments northwest and west of Chatanika, AK.

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. This incident is 57 miles northwest of Fort Yukon, AK in black spruce and tundra. The complex consists of the Pingo, Winter Trail, Sucker River, Black Currant River, Vundik Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjok fires. Hot, dry, windy weather conditions and limited visibility due to smoke are major concerns. Extreme fire behavior was reported on the Pingo and Winter Trail fires. Sucker River, Vundik Lake, Black Currant Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjok fires are being monitored by air.

TAYLOR COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Wall Street, Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Big Creek, Anomaly, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Smoke continues to limit mapping, visual confirmation of fire behavior and growth. Higher humidity was reported on the Chicken fire.

EAGLE COMPLEX, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) has been ordered. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This complex, three miles northeast of Eagle, AK in tundra, black spruce and mixed hardwoods, consists of the American Summit, Edwards Creek, King Creek, and Deer fires. Steep terrain, high winds and poor visibility due to heavy smoke conditions are major concerns.

FORT HAMLIN HILL, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is ten miles west of Stevens Village, AK in grass, black spruce, aspen and birch. Extreme fire behavior under red flag winds was observed.

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 82 miles southeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce. Heavy smoke has resulted in the inability to reconnaissance the area and determine fire perimeter. Active fire behavior with running torching and spotting was observed.

WOLF CREEK, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 80 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. The remote location, steep terrain, high winds and poor visibility are major concerns. Due to the heavy smoke conditions it was difficult to observe fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	215,000	15	7/24	286	9	27	0	2	820K
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	289,287	0	UNK	343	13	0	6	0	3.5M
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	384,505	NR	UNK	132	2	12	2	3	723K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	166,966	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
FORT HAMLIN HILLS	AK	UYD	40,970	0	UNK	43	2	0	0	0	NR
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	40,000	0	8/1	96	5	1	2	0	180K
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	33,394	NR	UNK	23	0	3	0	0	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLOW, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is assigned. This fire is 23 miles northeast of Scottsdale, AZ in grass and brush. Rough, rugged terrain and drought conditions are major concerns. Moderate to extreme fire behavior with intense short duration runs were reported.

NUTTALL, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Safford, AZ in brush and heavy timber. Steep rugged terrain, difficult access and extremely dry fuels are ongoing concerns. Active fire behavior with upslope runs, short range spotting and torching were observed.

UPSHAW, San Carlos Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 15 miles east of San Carlos, AZ in chaparral, cactus, pinyon pine and juniper. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	43,000	5	UNK	925	25	33	6	0	2.6M
NUTTALL	AZ	CNF	1,350	10	UNK	586	15	12	8	0	1.7M
UPSHAW	AZ	SCA	2,000	75	7/2	318	9	6	2	0	300K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Berndt/Andring) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) has been ordered. This fire is 15 miles west of Chelan, WA in timber. Steep, difficult terrain with extremely limited access is impeding control efforts. Individual and group tree torching was reported. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Steep, rugged terrain has hampered containment efforts. Cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity moderated fire behavior.

HOPKINS CANYON COMPLEX, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Reed/Holloway) is assigned. This fire is eight miles west of Nespelem, WA in timber and grass. Active fire behavior due to increased winds was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	1,770	0	UNK	461	15	0	8	0	1.3M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	17	UNK	40	0	1	3	0	124K
HOPKINS CANYON COMPLEX	WA	COA	5,036	50	7/4	459	14	12	2	0	550K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

VERDI COMPLEX, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Whalen) is assigned. This incident is less than one quarter mile northeast of Verdi, NV in grass, brush and timber. Steep, inaccessible terrain and low fuel moisture are major concerns. Isolated torching and interior burning was observed.

COYOTE SPRINGS, Desert National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 30 miles northeast of Las Vegas, NV in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. This fire is being managed in a confine/contain strategy with aerial monitoring. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
VERDI COMPLEX	NV	HTF	1,200	30	7/4	478	13	32	1	0	966K
COYOTE SPRINGS	NV	DSR	1,000	65	7/6	0	0	0	0	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WEST, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 21 miles west of Tamarac, FL in tall grass. Some interior burning continues. Personnel will continue to patrol and monitor the fire which will be allowed to burn out.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEST	FL	FLS	3,500	70	7/2	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
EAST	FL	FLS	3,800	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SQUARE COMPLEX	UT	CCD	18,235	100	---	281	5	10	3	0	1.2M

CCD = Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHULAR	CA	BEU	300	100	---	157	3	10	1	0	NR

BEU = San Benito-Monterey Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Dry air is making its way into the southwest part of the country. The dry air will lead to considerably less thunderstorm activity over the west. Today's lingering thunderstorms will be confined to the northern Great Basin, southern part of the Northern Rockies and Wyoming. In Alaska, dry easterly flow over the central part of the state will maintain smoky conditions along with no chance of helpful precipitation today.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny, dry and locally breezy. Isolated thunderstorms in west Texas.	65 to 85 mountains. 85 to 95 lower elevations north. 95 to 105 lower elevations south.	5 to 15% Arizona and New Mexico. 15 to 30% west Texas.	South through west 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 20 to 25 mph in Arizona and western New Mexico.
ALASKA Central and Eastern Interior Partly cloudy and smoky with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. South Central Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Central and Eastern Interior 70 to 85. South Central 55 to 70.	Central and Eastern Interior 25 to 35%. South Central Above 60%.	Central and Eastern Interior East to southeast 5 to 15 mph. South Central Variable 5 to 10 mph.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy with widely scattered to scattered thunderstorms over mountains. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy. Widely scattered thunderstorms over mountains of northern Utah.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 62 to 82 mountains. 80 to 95 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 67 to 85 mountains. 85 to 105 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 34% mountains. 8 to 20% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 30% mountains. 3 to 18% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: North to northwest 10 to 15 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: South to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly cloudy skies with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms across the north and west. Mostly sunny with breezy afternoon winds across the east and south.	Valleys: 82 to 92. Mountains: 70s.	North Valleys: 12 to 22%. South Valleys: 8 to 15%. Mountains: 15 to 30%.	South: South at 10 mph North: Northwest to west at 5 to 10 mph.

<p>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Fair to partly cloudy with isolated to scattered afternoon thunderstorms, mainly from the Cascade/ Sierra crest eastward.</p>	<p>80s and 90s inland.</p>	<p>16 to 26% in driest inland valleys.</p>	<p>Variable, under 12 mph, generally up canyon or southwest to northwest in the afternoon hours.</p>
<p>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog from the coast into the valleys. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy in the afternoon over the Sierra with scattered thunderstorms.</p>	<p>65 to 75 coastal areas. 75 to 85 mountains. 80s valleys. 85 to 91 upper deserts. 97 to 104 lower deserts.</p>	<p>25 to 40% valleys. 12 to 25% mountains. 8 to 18% deserts.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 10 to 15 mph over the mountains. 15 to 25 mph and gusty over the upper deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.</p>
<p>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Warmer with scattered afternoon thunderstorms across northern sections of the Area.</p>	<p>Highs in the 80s, with a few low 90s in South Dakota, western and eastern Colorado 70s in the mountains.</p>	<p>Less than 15% over western and eastern Colorado into southwest Wyoming, 20 to 40% elsewhere.</p>	<p>10 to 20 mph across eastern South Dakota, Southwest Wyoming into northern Colorado; otherwise variable at 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>NORTHWEST AREA Morning clouds on the west side. Isolated afternoon wet thundershowers east of the Cascade crest in Oregon. Mostly sunny in northeast Washington.</p>	<p>Highs mostly in the 60s western Washington. Lower 80s in southwest Oregon. 70s to mid 80s east of the Cascades.</p>	<p>30 to 60% west of the Cascades. 70% near the coast. 15 to 25% on the east side. Near 30% over higher terrain.</p>	<p>West to northwest winds 5 to 15 mph west of the Cascade crest. East side winds increasing to 10 to 15 mph. 15 to 25 mph and gusty through the Columbia River Gorge and in the gaps on the Cascade east slopes.</p>



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DOWNHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.
- Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
 - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
 - Communication is established between all crews.
 - Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- Fireline will not lie in, or adjacent to, a chute or chimney.
- Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0	0	1		1
	ACRES		3,435	14,386	40	157,812		175,673
Northwest	FIRES	8	12			13	41	74
	ACRES	381	1			84	6	472
Northern California	FIRES		3		4	38	22	67
	ACRES		0		0	1	6	7
Southern California	FIRES	1			3	11	7	22
	ACRES	0			1	330	1	332
Northern Rockies	FIRES					8	7	15
	ACRES					0	2	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			2	7	12
	ACRES		2			0	0	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			800		800
Southwest	FIRES	2					12	14
	ACRES	1,002					226	1,228
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		8		1		4	13
	ACRES		1		0		4	5
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	38		39
	ACRES				0	53		53
Southern Area	FIRES	1				14		15
	ACRES	1				169		170
TOTAL	FIRES	12	27	0	9	126	100	274
	ACRES	1,384	3,439	14,386	41	159,249	245	178,744

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	35	45	17	222	7	329
	ACRES	63	175,971	203,901	15,069	744,353	1	1,139,358
Northwest	FIRES	125	79	19	10	494	271	998
	ACRES	4,125	792	75	16	1,259	645	6,912
Northern California	FIRES	53	25	6	15	1,154	431	1,684
	ACRES	62	392	15	2	3,441	1,678	5,590
Southern California	FIRES	25	41	7	20	1,443	277	1,813
	ACRES	655	4,367	313	19	34,780	4,605	44,739
Northern Rockies	FIRES	747	23	14	6	387	197	1,374
	ACRES	4,152	195	485	0	8,680	3,313	16,825
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	252	2	21	130	175	583
	ACRES	3	25,978	1	33	1,108	412	27,535
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	222	1	4	37	37	306
	ACRES	151	10,082	1,000	0	1,375	374	12,982
Southwest	FIRES	479	59	2	38	416	561	1,555
	ACRES	3,888	4,523	1	509	5,616	133,545	148,082
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	165	135	28	8	206	161	703
	ACRES	3,604	252	1,166	4	19,638	4,082	28,746
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	20	5,851	403	6,809
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	106	53,617	5,534	66,686
Southern Area	FIRES	117		47	36	22,112	547	22,859
	ACRES	15,603		4,682	1,054	266,915	73,117	361,371
TOTAL	FIRES	2,211	871	217	195	32,452	3,067	39,013
	ACRES	37,400	222,552	213,974	16,812	1,140,782	227,306	1,858,826

Ten Year Average Fires	42,936
Ten Year Average Acres	1,362,198

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0		5	5
	ACRES				45		0	45
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						8	8
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2,481	2,481
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	45	0	2,489	2,534

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,097		2,097
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	43	1		255	415
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,229	76,489
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	10	17		183	263
	ACRES	251	731	13,566	2,690		22,617	39,855
Southern California	FIRES		4	9	10		76	99
	ACRES		28	869	601		6,212	7,710
Northern Rockies	FIRES	36	8	74	3	45	351	517
	ACRES	1,827	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,323	63,395
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	3	3	18	42	83
	ACRES	149	2,330	547	1,102	1,493	14,008	19,629
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	5			5	14
	ACRES		80	541			971	1,592
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	7	10		276	320
	ACRES	2,796	4,821	10,519	7,777		66,084	91,997
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	110	18	12	112	333
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	19,700	12,964	3,947	45,521	99,100
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		347	23	609	178	1,177
	ACRES	14,454		39,843	4,443	59,360	27,876	145,976
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	68	14,857	1,065	16,180
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,202	917,735	960,341	2,004,251
TOTAL	FIRES	216	201	747	153	15,546	2,543	19,406
	ACRES	40,723	29,295	160,338	89,855	987,698	1,244,182	2,552,091

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				14,177			14,177
Northwest	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				1			1
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						223	223
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		3	5
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				101		616	717
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			0	1	6
	ACRES		5,575			2,271	43	7,889
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	9	0	7	0	20	36
	ACRES	0	5,917	0	14,279	2,271	882	23,349

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	32	0	1,024	109,086
Yukon Territory	2	88,902	140	371,831
Alberta	36	50	786	3,002
Northwest Territory	2	2	52	11,303
Saskatchewan	1	0	126	997
Manitoba	0	0	81	419
Ontario	1	0	160	1,368
Quebec	3	0	187	589
Newfoundland	4	0	94	1,924
New Brunswick	0	0	211	382
Nova Scotia	0	0	189	210
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	1	28	23	12,836
Total	82	88,982	3,089	513,960

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	17	18	1	52	7	4			163	97
Northwest	31	10	28	15	9	13			117	135
Northern California	19	1	61	5	10					
Southern California	4	6	5	10	4	1			9	4
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	4	1	11		2	1			61	19
Western Great Basin	9	4	2	30	1	1			33	34
Southwest	47	4	12	39	16				379	63
Rocky Mountain	3		8		2	1			5	1
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				1						
Total	134	44	128	152	51	21	0	0	767	353

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